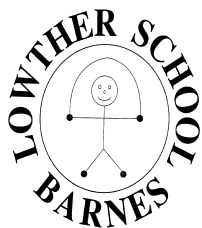


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LOWTHER SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Summer term of learning and opportunity

It's the start of the final term of the year! Firstly, we must say thank you all for a fantastic term last time out. The summer term is always one of my favourites—it's packed full of events and activities as well as seeing children's learning progress really come together. It's also a term where teachers complete many of their end of year assessments. Teachers do of course track the progress and attainment of all of the children throughout the year. This is called teacher assessment, and is the most reliable and accurate form of assessment as it judges children's progress over time, based on how they get on in the classroom.



Spring Breakfast

The Spring breakfast assembly is a long standing, and much-loved, Lowther tradition. Year 3 took centre stage for our Easter assembly at the end of last term. It was fantastic to see the hall packed full of appreciative parents. From Reception to Y5 I thought the children's range of singing and performances were excellent. Thank you all for coming and for your support of the children and the school.



The Y4 show

Y4 did a marvellous job putting together their Aladdin show. Both performances were full of energy, great acting and marvellous singing. Look out for the online gallery of photos that give you a glimpse of just how good the show was.



Homework Challenge

The children did a great job with the challenge of designing a poster to tell the community about picking up after their dog. We'll be putting the posters up along the front of the school to help try and keep our streets cleaner. Look out for another homework challenge soon.



No change given from the office

Thank you all very much for making the "change" to the office only accepting the exact money. It's been noted just how much time this is saving the office team (and hopefully then, your waiting times). Just to confirm, you now need to ideally **bring the correct money** or collect your change at the end of the school day (or following morning). Don't forget, many payments for school can be made via the Parentmail online payment system. Enquire at the office for further details.

We also politely request that any noise in the lobby area is kept to a minimum as this is a working office area. Thank you for your support with both of these matters.

Charity cake sale

Following on from their class mates previous sale earlier in the year, a huge well done to the Y5 girls Coco, Cara, Jules, Sara and Ava who organised their own cake sale and raised over £120 for Cancer Research. Super work girls!

Sainsbury's vouchers

Yes, we're collecting the vouchers again—the collection box is on the front desk. We managed to get so much excellent sports equipment last time — here's to even more vouchers this time around.

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Assembly themes

We cover all sorts of things in assembly—including having different behaviour targets (set by Mr Bracken) for the children to focus on. My recent themes for assembly have been friendships, the environment, story telling and being healthy. Do ask your children about what sort of things we talk about in this whole school time.

Fundraising Appeal

Thomas and Reinout's mum, Heleena, is doing some fundraising work—the details are below. See if you can help out a very worthwhile cause.

Tour the City in a day

20in20 Thursday 25 May

From dawn until late night a series of guided tours, special walks and exclusive events will take place throughout the City of London and beyond, in order to raise £20,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust.

This guiding marathon is the brainchild of tour guide Ans Vaessen, who is a City of London Guide, and two other mums (Heleen van Schoonhoven and Monique Jongen).

On Thursday 25 May, for 20 hours, you'll be able take part in a variety of events, from a 6am tour of Smithfield Meat Market (don't forget your cool bag), a children's discovery trail after school or a nice outing to discover hidden cocktail places in Soho.

To find out more and to book your tours visit www.20in20.london.

Walks for Children:

- Lost and found (Bloomsbury)
- Creatures of the City Children's Discovery Trail

Exclusive tours

- The Foundling museum
- The Royal Courts of Justice
- The Mercers Hall

Evening walks and cycle tours

- Secret London cycle tour
- Ghost tour
- Foodie and bar themed history tour



Screen your story Winners

Well done to all of the children for their fantastic Screen your Story entries. We have a number of winners again—Lenny in Reception class, Francesca Y in Y1 and Milo in Y4 will all be seeing their stories in print. A special well done to Sara in Y5, whose story is being made in to a film to be screened at the Olympic Cinema. A fantastic achievement.

Teacher Allocation

We're working hard to complete the staffing structure for next year. I know it's often around this time of the year that parents (and children) begin to wonder who'll be teaching them next year. We'll be releasing the details of the class teachers and their year groups in June. We're also working on the class mixing for next year too. This will also be released to the children and their parents in June.

Y6 Focus

Life in Y6 is busy at this time of year. Initial secondary school places have been allocated (we'll share this with you all in a future newsletter) and wc 8th May is SATs week. The children have been working incredibly hard to be ready for their assessments. I'm sure they'll do fantastically well.

SMSA role available

From June, we will have a vacancy for a SMSA role to work at lunchtimes at the school. This is an important job, supervising the children's play and lunchtime. The job is for 2 hours a day from 11.30am until 1.30pm. If you're interested then please do enquire at the office.

New galleries online

There are now galleries for Aladdin, Community Day and the Christmas Panto available on the school website.

New videos and photos are added regularly so keep checking our web page for all the latest news and updates



Y4 Residential

The Y4 classes had a marvelous time on their 2 night residential this week. This is now the fifth year we've run this fantastic trip and I know it will have been a wonderful experience for all the children going. Indeed I know it was as I was lucky enough to join them for some of the time! A big thank you to parents for supporting their children with going on this trip. I believe these experiences develop so many positive aspects in the children, such as independence, confidence, social skills, not to mention having huge amounts of fun! We'll be sure to post a gallery of photos to share more of what exactly they got up to.



Diary Dates for the Summer Term

The Summer term is always jam-packed with events and activities as well as huge amounts of learning. Check out the online calendar for all the different things going on. Listed below are some of the main ones you'll want to pop in your diary.

April 2015

28th Yr4 Kingswood residential

May 2017

1st BANK HOLIDAY

8th Yr 6 SATs week

26th End of half term

June 2017

7th Borough Sports competition

7th Choir concert at Rose Theatre

Thursday 15th **INSET DAY** (School closed)

Friday 16th **INSET DAY** (School closed)

21/22nd Healthy Activity Days

23rd Sports Day

29th Y6 production (title tbc)

July 2017

1st The Summer Fair

3rd Y6 Isle of Wight residential

7th Grounds afternoon

17th LAFTAS

21st Y6 Leavers assembly

21st **END OF TERM**—Wow, what a busy term!

Quiz Night Fun!

The PTA organised a fantastic quiz night which over 60 parents attended. It was a very sociable and enjoyable evening for all, not to mention a great fundraiser for the school. We raised £1500 from the night. Why not come along to the next one? We guarantee you'll have fun!

